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RESEARCH WORK ON GLACIERS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of continuous melting and shrinking of size of glaciers the Government had decided to set up a National Institute in Himachal Predesh to undertake research work on the glaciers;

(b) if so, whether any such Institute has been set up;

(c) if so. the date on which it was set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (d) At present, the Government is working on a plan to set up a National Centre for Field Operations and Reaseach in Himalayan Glaciology(NCFOR-HG) during the 10th Plan. A detailed proposal to set up the proposed centre has already been formulated. As per recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Himalayan Glaciers, constituted by the Planning Commission, the national centre may initially be co-located either with the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun (Uttarancal) or at the Snow &Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE), Manali, Himachal Predesh.. Once the proposed NCFOR-HG becomes operational, th Government may consider to set up other regional outfits of the main centre to carry out region -specific glaciological studies.